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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD DAY CARE CENTERS, GROUP DAY
CARE HOMES AND FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 19a-80 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2004*):

4 (b) Upon receipt of an application for a license, the Commissioner of
5 Public Health shall issue such license if, upon inspection and
6 investigation, [he] said commissioner finds that the applicant, the
7 facilities and the program meet the health, educational and social
8 needs of children likely to attend the child day care center or group
9 day care home and comply with requirements established by
10 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as
11 amended, and 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive. Each license, except a
12 temporary license, shall be for a term of [two] four years, shall be
13 inalienable, may be renewed upon [terms and conditions established
14 by regulation] payment of the license fee and may be suspended or
15 revoked after notice and an opportunity for a hearing as provided in
16 section 19a-84 for violation of the regulations promulgated under

17 sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended, and 19a-82 to 19a-87,
18 inclusive. The commissioner may issue a temporary license for a term
19 of six months and renewable for another six months, upon such terms
20 and conditions as shall be provided in regulations adopted under said
21 sections. The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall
22 collect from the licensee of a day care center a fee of [two] four
23 hundred dollars for each license issued or renewed for a term of [two]
24 four years and a fee of fifty dollars for each temporary license issued or
25 renewed for a term of six months. The Commissioner of Public Health
26 shall collect from the licensee of a group day care home a fee of [one]
27 two hundred dollars for each license issued or renewed for a term of
28 [two] four years and a fee of thirty dollars for each temporary license
29 issued or renewed for a term of six months.

30 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 19a-87b of the general statutes is
31 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
32 *October 1, 2004*):

33 [(d) Applications for initial licensure under this section shall be
34 accompanied by a fee of twenty dollars and such licenses shall be
35 issued for a term of two years. Applications for renewal of licenses
36 granted under this section shall be accompanied by a fee of twenty
37 dollars and such licenses shall be renewed for a term of two years. No
38 such license shall be renewed unless the licensee certifies that the
39 children enrolled in the family day care home have received age-
40 appropriate immunization in accordance with regulations adopted
41 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.]

42 (d) Each license shall be for a term of four years, shall be inalienable
43 and may be renewed upon payment of the license fee and certification
44 from the licensee that the children enrolled in the family day care
45 home have received age-appropriate immunization in accordance with
46 regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. The
47 commissioner shall collect from the licensee of a family day care home
48 a fee of forty dollars for each license issued or renewed for a term of

49 four years.

50 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 17b-90 of the general statutes, as
 51 amended by section 1 of public act 03-89, is repealed and the following
 52 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

53 (b) No person shall, except for purposes directly connected with the
 54 administration of programs of the Department of Social Services and in
 55 accordance with the regulations of the commissioner, solicit, disclose,
 56 receive or make use of, or authorize, knowingly permit, participate in
 57 or acquiesce in the use of, any list of the names of, or any information
 58 concerning, persons applying for or receiving assistance from the
 59 Department of Social Services or persons participating in a program
 60 administered by said department, directly or indirectly derived from
 61 the records, papers, files or communications of the state or its
 62 subdivisions or agencies, or acquired in the course of the performance
 63 of official duties. The Commissioner of Social Services shall disclose (1)
 64 to any authorized representative of the Labor Commissioner such
 65 information directly related to unemployment compensation,
 66 administered pursuant to chapter 567 or information necessary for
 67 implementation of sections 17b-688b, 17b-688c and 17b-688h, as
 68 amended, and section 122 of public act 97-2 of the June 18 special
 69 session*, (2) to any authorized representative of the Commissioner of
 70 Mental Health and Addiction Services any information necessary for
 71 the implementation and operation of the basic needs supplement
 72 program or for the management of and payment for behavioral health
 73 services for applicants for and recipients of general assistance and
 74 state-administered general assistance, (3) to any authorized
 75 representative of the Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the
 76 Commissioner of Public Safety such information as the state
 77 Commissioner of Social Services determines is directly related to and
 78 necessary for the Department of Administrative Services or the
 79 Department of Public Safety for purposes of performing their functions
 80 of collecting social services recoveries and overpayments or amounts
 81 due as support in social services cases, investigating social services

82 fraud or locating absent parents of public assistance recipients, (4) to
83 any authorized representative of the Commissioner of Children and
84 Families necessary information concerning a child or the immediate
85 family of a child receiving services from the Department of Social
86 Services, including safety net services, if the Commissioner of Children
87 and Families or the Commissioner of Social Services has determined
88 that imminent danger to such child's health, safety or welfare exists to
89 target the services of the family services programs administered by the
90 Department of Children and Families, (5) to a town official or other
91 contractor or authorized representative of the Labor Commissioner
92 such information concerning an applicant for or a recipient of financial
93 or medical assistance under general assistance or state-administered
94 general assistance deemed necessary by said commissioners to carry
95 out their respective responsibilities to serve such persons under the
96 programs administered by the Labor Department that are designed to
97 serve applicants for or recipients of general assistance or state-
98 administered general assistance, (6) to any authorized representative
99 of the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the
100 purposes of the behavioral health managed care program established
101 by section 17a-453, [or] (7) to a health insurance provider, in IV-D
102 support cases, as defined in section 46b-231, as amended, information
103 concerning a child and the custodial parent of such child that is
104 necessary to enroll such child in a health insurance plan available
105 through such provider when the noncustodial parent of such child is
106 under court order to provide health insurance coverage but is unable
107 to provide such information, provided the Commissioner of Social
108 Services determines, after providing prior notice of the disclosure to
109 such custodial parent and an opportunity for such parent to object,
110 that such disclosure is in the best interests of the child, or (8) to any
111 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Public Health to
112 carry out his or her responsibilities under programs that regulate child
113 day care services or youth camps. No such representative shall disclose
114 any information obtained pursuant to this section, except as specified
115 in this section. Any applicant for assistance provided through said

116 department shall be notified that, if and when such applicant receives
117 benefits, the department will be providing law enforcement officials
118 with the address of such applicant upon the request of any such
119 official pursuant to section 17b-16a.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the license time frame from two years to four years for day care centers and homes and to allow the Department of Social Services to share information with the Department of Public Health about providers that the Department of Public Health is investigating for operating an unlicensed child day care facility.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]